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Applicant : K. FUJIMOTO et al

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INTERFACE ADAPTERS THAT CAN BE INCREASED OR DECREASED BASED ON REQUIRED PERFORMANCE

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (Final Rejection) of April 7, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE), Petition for a one-month Extension of Time and a terminal disclaimer as well as the appropriate fees accompany this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 20 of this paper.